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SYRIA, ALGERIA AND ZAIRE

TWO KUWAITI DAILIES PRINT INTERVIEW JUNE 24 OF KING HASSAN
BY KUWAITI JOURNALIST, BASED ON TWO RECENT BUT UNDATED
DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THEM. HIGHLIGHTS OF KING'S REPORTED
REMARKS FOLLOW:

A. SADAT AND ARAB SUMMIT. SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVE
"IS NOT YET OVER" AND THUS CANNOT YET BE JUDGED, BUT "OUR
PRESENT SITUATION CALLS FOR A SUMMIT MEETING TO BE HELD
URGENTLY" TO DECIDE THE "POINTS OF AGREEMENT AND DIS-
AGREEMENT ON SADAT'S INITIATIVE" AND TO "DECIDE WHAT TO DO
NEXT." ALSO, A SUMMIT SHOULD "ACHIEVE A CONCERTED
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STAND ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION." SADAT WAS INITIALLY
"OVER OPTIMISTIC," BUT DID NOT MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS
IN JERUSALEM.
B. SAUDI ROLE. IF A SUMMIT WERE HELD, SAUDI
ARABIA SHOULD FIGURE MORE PROMINENTLY IN ARAB PLANS.
THE SAUDIS HAVE TO "PLAY A BIGGER ROLE" IF THE ARABS
"COMBINE THEIR ENERGY OTENT#UP AND THEIR POLITICAL

CAPABILITIES."

C. MOROCCAN-ISRAELI CONTACTS. "THERE WERE CONTACTS BETWEEN US AND JEWISH PERSONALITIES, BUT NOT ZIONISTS OR ISRAELI OFFICIALS, SUCH AS NAHUM GOLDMAN. OUR TALKS WERE WITH ACADEMICS AND ECONOMISTS."

D. SYRIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON. THE PALESTINIANS AND SYRIAN PRESENCES IN LEBANON ARE THE TWO REASONS FOR CONTINUED CRISIS THERE. THE DEPARTURE OF THE SYRIAN ARMY IS "VERY IMPORTANT, VERY URGENT; IT IS CAUSING CONFLICT BETWEEN SYRIA, IRAQ AND LIBYA." (REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A STATE VISIT TO SYRIA: "THE DOOR OF EGYPT IS ALWAYS OPEN TO ME, BUT AS FOR SYRIA, WELL, I THINK WE HAVE TO WAIT A BIT.")

E. ALGERIA. REGARDING DIRECT OFFICIAL MOROCCAN-ALGERIAN CONTACTS, THERE ARE NONE AND HAVE BEEN ONE. "THERE ARE PERSONAL CONTACTS, BUT NO OFFICIAL CONTACTS." PERSONAL CONTACTS "MAY INDEED, AND IN TIME, LEAD TO SOMETHING GOOD."

F. ZAIRE: "WE WENT TO ZAIRE TO PROTECT OUR BROTHERS IN THE EAST. ZAIRE HAS COMMON BORDERS WITH SUDAN AND SUDAN...WITH EGYPT, AND EGYPT IS ONLY 30 KILOMETERS AWAY FROM SAUDI ARABIA."

G. RULING FAMILY: RESPONDING TO A QUERRY ON THE KING'S HEALTH: "MY HEALTH IS VERY GOOD...WHEN I WAS IN MADAGASCAR I HAD A PAIN IN MY INTESTINES WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE INDIGESTION." THE CROWN PRINCE (WHO JOURNALIST UNCLASSIFIED

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SUGGESTED MAY HAVE BEEN SENT TO PARIS TO ATTEND A PARTY GIVEN BY SINGER SYLVIE VARTAN) "WAS IN PARIS DURING THE HOLIDAYS." "I DID NOT SEND HIM" "I BELIEVE YOUNG PEOPLE... SHOULD HAVE AS MUCH EXPERIENCE AS THEY CAN. IN FUTURE HE WILL HAVE BIG RESPONSIBILITIES. HE MUST NOT FEEL THAT IN THE PAST HE WAS DEPRIVED. THIS IS NOT AGAINST OUR RELIGION." SUTHERLAND

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